



CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time
12 August 2018

Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Introit—Give Thanks to God the Lord, Vs I

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The music is in 4/4 time and G major. The lyrics are: 'Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call. Make known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what He has done for all. Sing praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro - claim. Re - joice, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.'

Text: Susan H. Peterson, 1999; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 34:1-5, 8, 15

Pastor I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

All: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Pastor I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

All: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Pastor The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

Hymn of Praise—Come, Christians Join to Sing

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;
 He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 His love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish Melody, Arr David Evans, 1927.

Hymn of Praise—My God, My Portion, and My Love

My God, My por - tion, and my Love, My ev - er - last - ing all, I've
 What emp - ty things are all the skies, And this in - fe - rior clod! There's
 In vain the bright, the burn - ing sun, Scat - ters his fee - ble light; 'Tis
 Let all that dwells a - bove the sky, And air, and earth, and seas, Con -
 The whole cre - a - tion, join in one, To bless the Sa - cred Name, Of

none but Thee in heav'n a - bove, Or on this earth - ly ball.
 no - thing here de - serves my joys, There's no - thing like my God.
 Thy sweet beams cre - ate my noon; If Thou with - draw, 'tis night.
 spire to lift Thy glo - ries high And speak Thine end - less praise.
 Him that sits up - on the throne, And to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, from Southern Harmony.

+++Latecomers Please Wait to be Seated+++

New Testament Reading—Philippians I:27-30

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Response—Search Me, O God

Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day;
Lord, take my life, and make it whol - ly thine;

try me, O Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray.
fill my poor heart with thy great love di - vine.

See if there be some wick - ed way in me;
Take all my will, my pas - sion, self, and pride;

cleanse me from eve - ry sin and set me free.
I now sur - ren - der, Lord. In me a - bide.

Text: J. Edwin Orr, 1936; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2018. © 2018 Greyfriars Press, Used by Permission.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 81:6-9, 11-14, 16

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Like the people of Israel,
You relieved our shoulders of our burden. You freed our hands.

All: In distress we called, and You delivered us. You answered our prayers.

Pastor: You call us to hear You as You admonish us, but we are slow to listen.

All: There are strange gods among us. We bow to the idols in our hearts.

Pastor: Would that we would listen to Your voice; that we would submit to You.

All: You give us over to our stubborn hearts to follow our own counsels.

Pastor: Oh that we would listen to You and walk in Your ways.

All: Subdue our enemies; subdue our hearts and thoughts to conform to Your desires.

Pastor: Feed us with the finest wheat and satisfy us with honey from the rock.

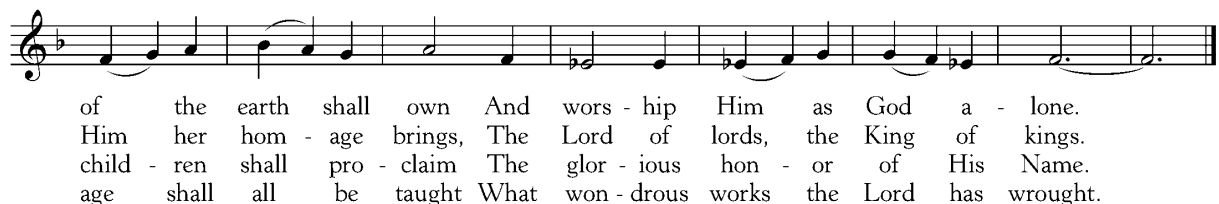
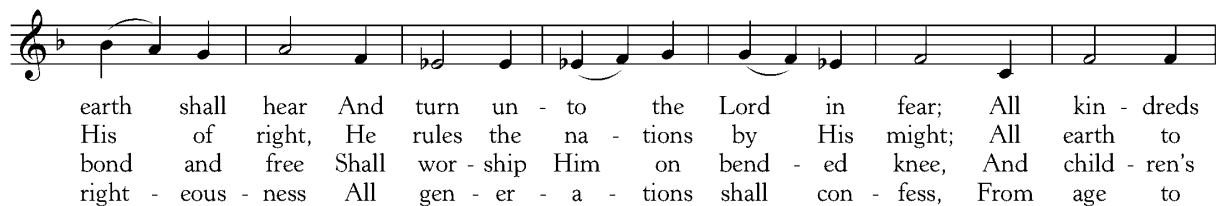
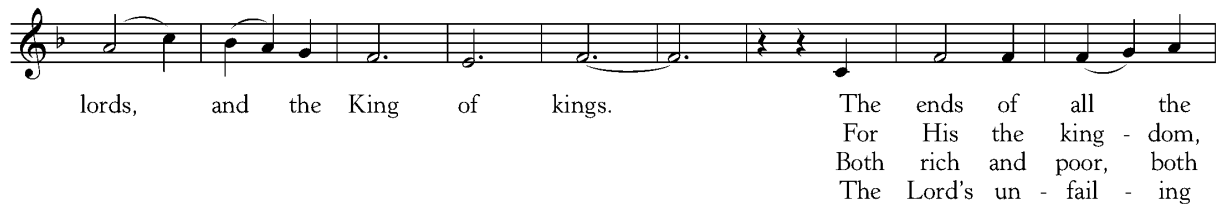
Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

+++Latecomers are Welcome to be Seated+++

Psalm for August—Psalm 22:27-31 All Earth to Him



Missions Report—New College Franklin

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Genesis 12:10-13:4

¹⁰Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance,¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, “This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.” ¹⁴When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. ¹⁶And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

¹⁷But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. ¹⁸So Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go.” ²⁰And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

I3 So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

²Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, part I8

The Struggle of Faith

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles’ Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* “Catholic” refers to the universal church of God’s people throughout all time and from all places

Sung Response—Let Glory Be to God on High



Let glo - ry be to God on high: Peace be on earth as
O Lord, the sole be - got - ten Son, Who bore the crimes which
Have mer - cy on us, through Thy blood; Re - ceive our prayer, O

in the sky; Good will to men! We bow the knee,
we had done; Son of the Fa - ther, who wast slain,
Lamb of God! For Thou art ho - - ly; Thou a - lone,

We praise, we bless, we wor - ship Thee; We give Thee thanks, Thy
To take a - way the sins of men; O Lamb of God, whose
At God’s right hand, up - on His throne, In all His glo - ry,

name we sing, Al - might - y Fa - ther! Heav’n - ly King!
blood was spilt For all the world, and all its guilt—
art a - dored, With Thee, O Ho - ly Ghost, one Lord.

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Words of Institution and the Lord’s Table

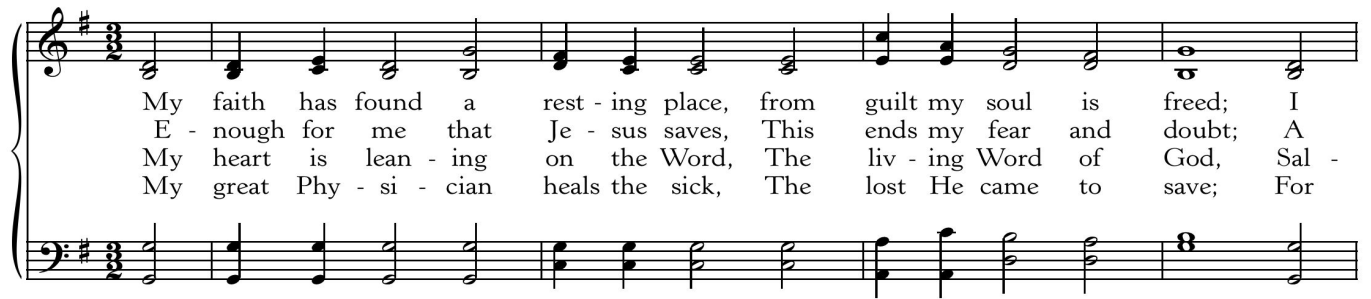
Guidelines for the Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Hymn of Communion—My Faith Has Found a Resting Place



My faith has found a rest - ing place, from guilt my soul is freed; I
E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, This ends my fear and doubt; A
My heart is lean - ing on the Word, The liv - ing Word of God, Sal -
My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, The lost He came to save; For



trust the ev - er liv - ing One, His wounds for me shall plead. I
sin - ful soul I come to Him, He'll nev - er cast me out.
va - tion by my Sav - ior's Name, Sal - va - tion through His blood.
me His pre - cious blood He shed, For me His life He gave.



need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea, It



is e - nough that Je - sus died, And that He died for me.

Text: Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891; Music: LANDAS, Andre Gretry, 1741-1831, Arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1891.

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Communion—Jesus, I am Resting, Resting



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing, In the joy of what Thou art;
 O, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, Vast - er, broad - er than the sea!
 Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art,
 Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me As I work and wait for Thee;



I am find - ing out the great - ness Of Thy lov - ing heart.
 O, how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness, Lav - ished all on me!
 And Thy love, so pure, so change - less, Sa - tis - fies my heart;
 Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, Earth's dark sha - dows flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, And Thy
 Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - - - ed, Know what
 Sa - tis - fies its deep - est long - ings, Meets, sup -
 Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - - - ry, Sun - shine



beau - ty fills my soul, For by Thy trans - form - ing pow -
 wealth of grace is Thine, Know Thy cer - tain - ty of pro -
 plies its ev - ery need, Com - pass - eth me round with bless -
 of my Fa - ther's face, Keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest -



er, Thou hast made me whole. Je - sus,
 mise, And have made it mine.
 ings: Thine is love in - - - deed!
 ing, Fill me with Thy grace.



I am rest - ing, rest - ing, In the joy of what Thou art; I am



find - ing out the great - ness Of Thy lov - ing heart.

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise—Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Je - sus draw me ev - er near - er As I la - bor through the
Je - sus guide me through the tem - pest; Keep my spir - it staid and
Let the trea - sures of the tri - al Form with - in me as I
storm. You have called me to this pass - age, and I'll fol - low, though I'm
sure. When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, Let me love You ev - en
go - And at the end of this long pass - age, Let me leave them at Your
worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, May I rise on wings of faith; And at the
more.
throne.
end of my heart's test - ing, With Your like - ness let me wake.

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GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS


After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Jude 24-25


Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians I:10-11)


Women




Men




wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His ser - vice. May you lead lives




wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His



ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.



And find joy May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.



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Prayer Focus— **New College Franklin** echoes the church's dedication to discipleship in all spheres of life, and reflects the commitment to equip the next generation to be a faithful presence in the world. New College Franklin is a four-year, classical, Christian liberal arts college, granting a bachelor of arts degree in the liberal arts, and employing a discipleship model of education. New College students are actively engaged in the life of the church and broader community and are immensely grateful for the church's encouragement of the college.

- Pray for the many special events planned for this coming year as we celebrate our tenth anniversary.
- Pray for the new students preparing to join us this fall as well as the returning students.
- Pray that the faculty and staff can continue to shepherd students intellectually, vocationally, morally, and spiritually.
- Pray for financial support to provide scholarships for students, and to position the college for this next season of growth.



Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "The Struggle of Faith" is taken from Genesis 12:10-13:4. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- If Genesis 12:1-9 reveals Abram the man of faith, Genesis 12:10-20 reveals Abram the man of fear. Read back through the passage and identify the worldly circumstances (there's more than one!) that led Abram to fear?
- Underneath our worldly fears is a lack of faith in God. Where do you see that in the passage? How is this true in your own life right now?
- In today's message, Pastor Nate said, "Operating in fear leads to faithless strategies." How is this principle illustrated in Genesis 12:10-20? What faithless plans or "strategies" do you use to try and manage, cope, or overcome fear?
- Eric Alexander says that true faith, "Believes God is sufficient." If you believed God was truly sufficient, how would that change things for you right now? What is keeping you from believing that God is sufficient?
- Reread Genesis 13:1-4. How does this text show the way back from fear to faith? How is the Lord calling you to make the journey from fear to faith today? Take time right to begin that journey in prayer with those around you.

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